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## TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE.

An adjourned meeting of the Township Committee was held on Monday night. All members were present. A large delegation of firemen was present to ascertain what action the Committee would pursue in the appointment of a Chief Engineer of the Fire Department.

Mr. Fisher of the Road Committee said that he was ready to advertise for bids for broken stone for road construction and repair, the bids to be opened on Monday, May 17th, at the regular meeting.

Mr. Lawrence presented a form of advertisement for bids for sidewalks and crosswalks and for cobble gutters, to be opened at the same date. The Printing Committee were instructed to insert the advertisement for proposals.

Mr. Lawrence for the Sewer Committee reported that under the law the Committee are compelled to complete the original sewer system before the assessments can be levied. An ordinance was passed to complete the system.

Mr. Haskell presented the bond for Poor-master Adam Lind. It was laid over for one week. The bonds of Constables Hummel, Baldwin and John V. Smith were accepted and placed on file.

Chairman Stout stated that he had investigated the claim of Abraham Garabrant of Brookdale for a remission of taxes and that he would report at the next meeting.

Nominations for Township officers were then taken up.

Mr. Foster requested that the appointment of Chief Engineer of the Fire Department be laid over for one week.

Dr. Chas. H. Bailey was appointed Health Physician at a salary of \$100 per year for three years.

The appointment of a Police Justice was laid over for one week.

For Township Physician Dr. W. H. Van Gieson and Dr. W. H. White were nominated and resulted in a tie vote. Messrs. Moore, Lawrence and Albion voting for Dr. Van Gieson, and Messrs. Fisher, Haskell and Foster voting for Dr. White. Chairman Stout promptly decided in favor of Dr. White and he was re-elected at a salary of \$250.

Mr. Lawrence nominated Thos. Hayes for Janitor of Township rooms. He was re-elected without opposition at a salary of \$120 per year.

Walter Lane was re-appointed Sewer Inspector at a salary of \$50 per month. William U. Oakes was re-appointed Superintendent of Public Works at a salary of \$500 per year. Mr. Foster declined to vote on this motion for private reasons known to members of the Committee.

August F. Olsen was re-appointed Superintendent of the Fire Alarm system at a salary of \$200 per year.

The salary of Township Clerk William L. Johnson was increased \$150 over last year to \$750.

The Assessors' salaries were fixed at \$300 each, the same as last year.

Treasurer Lawrence will receive a salary of \$150, the same amount as last year. Counsel Halfpenny will receive \$400 per year for his services, and the Associate Counsel \$250 as a retaining fee.

Poor-master Adam Lind will receive a salary of \$300 per year, and \$100 for assuming charge of the poor store.

The salary of the Police Justice when appointed will be \$250.

The question of salaries of policemen was laid over until next Monday night; also the appointment of a Chief of Police and Police Justice.

The salary of Tax Collector John Howard Hardcastle was fixed at \$1200, in lieu of all fees.

In answer to a question Clerk Johnson informed Mr. Albion that the term of the Collector was two years instead of three years as formerly.

The following Pound Masters were re-appointed: Abraham Yereance, Brookdale, George Kutcher, George Berry and Alexander McNair.

The law permits the appointment of five pound masters. Mr. Foster said he would name some one from Watessing at the next meeting for this important position.

A petition from the residents of Washington Street was read by the Clerk, requesting the Committee to macadamize the street to the Borough line, a distance of 500 feet.

A petition was read from the residents on West Belleville Avenue from Broad Street to the Borough line for a macadam roadway.

Both communications were referred to the Road Committee.

Mr. Fisher said that he had investigated the complaint of residents on Benson Street caused by the flow of surface water through the railroad cut at Chestnut Hill and emptying on the land of the Freeman estate. No action was taken.

The Road Committee made no report on the petition of the residents of John Street presented at the last meeting.

## Appointment of Chief Engineer.

The reappointment of William U. Oakes as Chief Engineer of the Bloomfield Fire Department should have been made along with the other appointments last Monday night, unless better reasons than any we have heard were given for laying the appointment over at the request of the Chairman of the Fire Committee. The situation is fully understood. The volunteer firemen of Bloomfield, 74 out of 86, have signed a request for the reappointment of Mr. Oakes. There is no other fireman contesting for the position. The qualifications of Chief Oakes are questioned by no one. The efficiency of the Department demands his retention. Yet for no better reason than the mere personal enmity of Committee member Foster this manifestly wise appointment is delayed, with the view of its defeat, if possible.

It is stated that the Township Committee is about evenly divided on this matter. The two new members, Messrs. Moore and Albion, and Mr. Haskell are in favor of the reappointment of Mr. Oakes in compliance with the request of the firemen, and with commendable independence in themselves. Three other members, Messrs. Stout, Lawrence and Fisher, it is stated, apparently under the coercion of "regular" machine methods, are expected to turn down the Chief Engineer to please Mr. Foster.

Under these circumstances and the possibility of his opponent's being able to prevent Mr. Oakes' reappointment, who is to supersede him? S. P. Gilbert is proposed as the fireman to be appointed, but it is a position he should refuse, that of becoming a newly-pat-in spoke or cog of the machine that must still be made servicable in running the affairs of Bloomfield. Mr. Gilbert's position, or that of any other fireman who might consent to be thus placed for accomplishing the purposes of picaresque spite is plainly a trying one. THE RECORD can see a certain sort of courage, and self-sacrifice, and discipline, in an official ready to obey political orders, but it is not moral courage that nerves him to it.

## The Doctrine of Majority Rule.

The Newark Evening News in commenting on the Democratic Reconciliation Feast in Newark Wednesday night says:

"Mr. Clarence Atkinson is the gentleman who, accepting Allan L. McDermott's challenge, leaped into the arena to do battle for free silver and recall to the memory of the disciples of Thomas Jefferson one William Jennings Bryan, who ran for President on the Democratic ticket last fall."

"Mr. Atkinson's interpretation of the doctrine of majority rule will scarcely commend itself to more attentive students of Thomas Jefferson's life and works. There is a well-founded and general opinion that that great man, while ready to bow to the majority's will constitutionally expressed, had a certain confidence in his own judgment, and would not have followed a majority of his neighbors or his party into any new economic policy or plan unless it commended itself to his own mind. It is not an exalted conception of allegiance to majority rule which supposes that a man should follow a majority of his party unless convinced by his own judgment that it is seeking right ends by proper methods. Mr. Jefferson was too much of a patriot to have followed or assisted any partisan majority in a policy which is regarded as inimical to the country's welfare. He should not be used to extol subservience to a majority over the exercise of private judgment."

"Of course Mr. Atkinson is at liberty to suppose that Mr. Jefferson's private judgment would have led him to support Bryan and the Chicago platform. That is a matter about which considerable difference of opinion has been expressed. But surely, in justice to Mr. Jefferson, it must be insisted that if he would have taken that course it would have been because he considered it right, not for such a pitiful reason as its adoption by a convention majority."

Thomas Jefferson cannot be interviewed as to his opinion on the silver question. His views on the money problem, when he was a living force in American politics, were and are what have inspired many in these later days. As all who are familiar with his writings well know, Mr. Jefferson was opposed to the issue of paper money by banks. He believed that the government should have the power to "emit" bills of credit, "bottomed on taxes," not "on gold or silver."

In the recent Presidential campaign 6,500,000 citizens voted the Democratic ticket headed by William J. Bryan, under his expounding of Jeffersonian principles and teachings. Compare the number and the enthusiasm of these millions with the few scattering thousands who voted for Palmer and Buckner and the gold standard. It is absurd to suppose that the Democratic party as thus constituted will take in the gold democrats upon any other terms than unconditional surrender to what the majority contended to be Jeffersonian principles.

Mr. Atkinson hit it squarely when he said "I have never yet felt that I was a bigger man than a convention of my party."

## The Bloomfield Schools.

The Bloomfield Board of Education at a meeting on Wednesday night appointed William E. Chancellor of Brooklyn principal of the schools to succeed John B. Dunbar, whose term will expire June 30th after a principalship of sixteen years.

If Mr. Dunbar should remove from this vicinity he will leave behind him many warm friends. He is a man of rare mental acquisitions, richly endowed with intellectual gifts and possessing knowledge which made him an authority in this community. The High School is indebted to him in many ways, as he has always aimed to advance the student in practical knowledge. In this effort many valuable additions have been made to the scientific collections, the library, etc. His great knowledge of books and literature in general equip him for the maintenance of a high position in whatever vocation engaged. Should he decide to go where his inclinations find broader scope and greater activity he will take with him the good wishes of great numbers of pupils to whom his assistance has been invaluable. Mr. Dunbar expects to receive an appointment under the government at Washington as librarian of the new annex to the Congressional Library—a position he is peculiarly well qualified to fill, and for which he has the highest recommendations.

The newly appointed principal, William E. Chancellor, is about thirty-five years of age, and a graduate of Amherst College. He will begin his duties in Bloomfield with the opening of the fall session in September. He is now vice-principal of the Brooklyn High School and has been a professor in the Polytechnic Institution of that city. He is also a professor of history and a close student and observer of the "signs of the times." As an educator, he "does not belong to the class of philosophers who want to see young people educated for 'life,' meaning thereby the education of boys to 'make money' and of girls to capture husbands and shine in 'society,' if we may be permitted to quote from what he has written on the subject of education and reform.

## Orphan Asylum.

Thursday afternoon a party of Bloomfield ladies, officers and managers of the Bloomfield Auxiliary to the Newark Orphan Asylum were delightfully entertained by the Newark managers in the Asylum. The building is upon High Street and the approach to it has recently been made very beautiful by a succession of terraces and broad stone steps and carriage drives. The Newark Auxiliary provided the means for this great improvement.

Mrs. John A. Miller assisted by other ladies received the guests in the reception room, which was tastefully adorned with flowers and potted plants. Palms were scattered all around the halls and rooms. The zither and mandolin, skillfully handled by professionals, added greatly to the festive occasion.

The guests were invited into the children's school room. The little ones were all seated at their desks and showed pleasure at the sight of familiar faces, for they remembered the "Bloomfield Ladies" and are counting the days that remain before the "great outing of the year" comes off. Thirty-nine of the children have been ill with scarlet fever but are recovered now. The eight children that Bloomfield provides for are well and happy. The home is doing much for these little ones. Sweet singing by the children, duets and chorus; a whistling song by the boys, and a salute to the American flag which one little chap waved gracefully to and fro furnished entertainment to the guests, who afterward were invited into a spacious room trimmed with choice flowers where refreshments were served. The delegation from Bloomfield felt that they had spent a very pleasant afternoon.

## Madrigal Society Concert.

The Madrigal Society of this town gave its thirteenth concert on Wednesday evening.

The soloists were Miss Martha Miner, soprano; Miss Anna J. Kinsey, alto; Mr. John J. Bergen, tenor and Mr. Paul Petry, baritone. The Society was also happy in the selection of Mr. Maurice Kaufmann, violinist. Mr. Louis J. Miner presided at the organ, while Miss Laura P. Ward and Mr. Wenham Smith were the accompanists. The programme was long but exceedingly well rendered. Mr. Kaufmann's opening solo was met with rapt attention and thunderous applause. His success in the metropolis had prepared his audience and he met with the welcome which his work merited.

The qualities of Paul Petry's voice the audience were not slow to discover and he too was generously applauded.

A pastoral cantata entitled "The May Queen" was one of the distinctive features of the concert. Here the work of the Society was highly commendable. The choruses were rendered with spirit and in excellent time. Miss Miner and Miss Kinsey maintained the parts of the Queen and May Queen, Mr. Bergen that of lover and Mr. Petry, Robin Hood, all of which as a rule were presented in excellent style. The instrumental accompaniment in this was very pleasing.

Part second included among the favorites the "Fibroch of Doniul Dhu" by the Madrigal Society which was well sung.

It has been wished by many that the Society would make its programme a trifle shorter, and thus insure the sympathy of the audience which is apt to flag as the time goes on, no matter how attractive the latter part may be.

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